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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Thomas E. Borillo, et al.
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FILTERING BLOOD FLOW FROM ATRIAL
APPENDAGES
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2003, which does not address the merits of the above-identified patent application, but requires that the application be restricted to one of four inventions, and one

of six species. Additionally, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.